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**H**IS Majesty's Ship Bristol, which arrived at Portsmouth the 23d Instant, has brought from New York Dispatches from General Sir William Howe and Governor Tryon to Lord George Germain, of which the following are Extracts:

*Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New York, December 20, 1776.*

**I** HAVE the Honor to inclose an Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Clinton, containing Advice of his being in Possession of Rhode Island without any Loss to His Majesty's Troops. The Season may be found too far advanced for him to proceed to Providence, but, if practicable, I am confident the Attempt will be made; the Advantages to be derived from this Acquisition are nevertheless very important.

In Jersey, upon the Approach of the Van of Lord Cornwallis's Corps to Brunswick by a forced March, on the 1st Instant, the Enemy went off most precipitately to Prince Town; and had they not prevented the Passage of the Rariton, by breaking a Part of Brunswick Bridge, so great was the Confusion among them, that their Army must inevitably have been cut to Pieces.

My first Design extending no further than to get and keep Possession of East Jersey, Lord Cornwallis had Orders not to advance beyond Brunswick, which occasioned him to discontinue his Pursuit; but finding the Advantages that might be gained by pushing on to the Delaware, and the Possibility of getting to Philadelphia, the Communication leading to Brunswick was reinforced, and on the 6th I joined his Lordship with the 4th Brigade of British under the Command of Major-General Grant. On the 7th Lord Cornwallis's Corps, the Guards excepted, who were left at Brunswick, marched to Prince Town, which the Enemy had quitted on the same Day. This Corps marched in two Divisions on the 8th; the first advancing to Trenton reached the Delaware soon after the Enemy's Rear Guard had crossed. Their main Army having passed the preceding Day and Night, took Post on the other Side of the River.

Lord Cornwallis with the Rear Division halted at Maidenhead, Six Miles from Trenton, and marched at One o'Clock next Morning to Corriels Ferry, 13 Miles higher up the Delaware, in some Expectation of finding Boats there, and in the Neighbourhood, sufficient to pass the River; but in this he was disappointed, the Enemy having taken the Precaution to destroy or to secure on the South Side all the Boats that could possibly be employed for this Purpose.

The Passage of the Delaware being thus rendered impracticable, his Lordship took Post at Pennington, in which Place and Trenton the two Divisions remained until the 14th, when the Weather having become too severe to keep the Field, and the Winter Cantonments being arranged, the Troops marched from both Places to their respective Stations. The Chain, I own, is rather too extensive, but I was induced to occupy Burlington, to cover the County of Monmouth, in which there are many loyal Inhabitants; and trusting to the almost general Submission of the Country to the Southward of this Chain, and to the Strength of the Corps placed in the advanced Posts, I conclude the Troops will be

in perfect Security. Lord Cornwallis having desired to return to Britain, the Command in Jersey is given to Major General Grant, in whose approved good Conduct I place the greatest Confidence.

I cannot too much commend Lord Cornwallis's good Services during this Campaign, and particularly the Ability and Conduct he displayed in the Pursuit of the Enemy from Fort Lee to Trenton, a Distance exceeding Eighty Miles, in which he was well supported by the Ardour of his Corps, who cheerfully quitted their Tents and heavy Baggage, as Impediments to their March.

By pressing the Rebels so close, they had not Time to destroy the Country, as they intended, or to remove their Stores; by which a large Quantity of Provisions, and Plenty of Forage, have been secured.

During Lord Cornwallis's Stay at Pennington, a Patrol of Thirty Dragoons from the 16th Regiment was sent out to gain Intelligence of a Corps under the Command of General Lee, reported to be in Morris County on their Way to cross the Delaware at Alexandria. Lieutenant Colonel Harcourt desired the Direction of this Detachment, and learning, as he proceeded, the situation of this Corps, consisting of Two Thousand Men, and of General Lee's Head Quarters, he contrived by infinite Address and Gallantry, to get to his House undiscovered by the Guard, surrounded it, and, overcoming all their Resistance, made the General a Prisoner.

Being confident this gallant Action will not escape His Majesty's gracious Attention, it is needless for me to recommend Lieutenant-Colonel Harcourt to the King's Notice upon this Occasion.

I must also mention the signal Services of Sir William Erskine, in his Department of Quarter-Master General, whose indefatigable Zeal has eminently contributed to the Success of this Campaign; nor must I omit Major Maitland, of the Corps of Marines, who has the Command of the 2d Battalion of Light Infantry, in which he has distinguished himself much to his Honour.

The Time of Service, for which most of the Enemy's Troops were engaged, being expired, their present Strength, from a Review of the latest Intelligence received, is about 8,000 on the South Side of the Delaware, and in Philadelphia; 500 Militia embodied in Morris County, New Jersey, and about 3,000 at Pecks Kill, North Castle, and the smaller Posts in this Province. Major General Robertson, who served the Campaign by His Majesty's Permission, will return to Britain by the earliest Opportunity.

*Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New York, December 29, 1776.*

**O**N the 25th Instant, in the Evening, a Party of the Enemy attacked an Out Guard from the Post of Trenton, where Colonel Rall commanded with three Battalions of Hessians, fifty Chasseurs, and twenty Light Dragoons, having with them six Field Pieces; which Party was beaten back. On the succeeding Morning at Six o'Clock the Rebels appeared in Force with Cannon, evidently intending to attack the Post. Colonel Rall, having received Intelligence of their Design, had the Troops under Arms, and detached his own Regiment to support an advanced Picket: This Picket being forced,



forced, and falling back upon the Regiment, threw it into some Disorder, which occasioned them to retire upon the other Battalions; no Advantage being taken of this, they recovered themselves, and the whole formed in Front of the Village.

The Rebels, without advancing, cannonaded them in this Situation, and Colonel Rall moved forward to attack them, with the Regiments of Lossberg and Rall; in which Attack Colonel Rall was wounded, and the Regiments were made Prisoners. The Rebels then advanced to the Regiment of Knyphausen, and also made that Corps Prisoners.

Some few Officers and about two hundred Men of the Brigade, with the Chasseurs, and a Party of Dragoons, retreated to Colonel Donop's Corps at Burdenton, six Miles distant. Several Officers were wounded, and about forty Men killed and wounded.

This Misfortune seems to have proceeded from Colonel Rall's quitting his Post and advancing to the Attack, instead of defending the Village.

The Rebels recrossed the River Delaware immediately, with the Prisoners and Cannon that they had taken.

*Extract of a Letter from General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New-York, January 5, 1777.*

**I**N Consequence of the Advantage gained by the Enemy at Trenton, on the 26th of last Month, and the Necessity of an Alteration in the Cantonments, Lord Cornwallis deferring his going to England by this Opportunity, went from hence to Jersey on the 1st Instant, and reached Prince-Town that Night, to which Place General Grant had advanced, with a Body of Troops from Brunswick and Hillsborough, upon gaining Intelligence that the Enemy, on receiving Reinforcements from Virginia, Maryland, and from the Militia of Pennsylvania, had repassed the Delaware into Jersey.

On the 2d Lord Cornwallis having received Accounts of the Rebel Army being posted at Trenton, advanced thither, leaving the 4th Brigade under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mawhood, at Prince Town, and the 2d Brigade with Brigadier General Leslie at Maidenhead. — On the Approach of the British Troops the Enemy's forward Posts were driven back upon their Army, which was formed in a strong Position, behind a Creek running thro' Trenton. During the Night of the 2d the Enemy quitted this Situation, and marching by Allen's Town, and from thence to Prince-Town, fell in on the Morning of the 3d with the 17th and 55th Regiments, on their March to join Brigadier General Leslie at Maidenhead.

Lieutenant Colonel Mawhood, not being apprehensive of the Enemy's Strength, attacked and beat back the Troops that first presented themselves to him, but finding them at Length very superior to him in Numbers, he pushed forward with the 17th Regiment, and joined Brigadier General Leslie. The 55th Regiment retired, by the Way of Hillsborough to Brunswick, and the Enemy proceeding immediately to Prince-Town, the 40th Regiment also retired to Brunswick.

The Loss upon this Occasion to His Majesty's Troops is 17 Killed, and nearly 200 Wounded and Missing; Captain Leslie of the 17th is among the few Killed, and for further Particulars I beg Leave to refer your Lordship to the inclosed Return. Captain Philips, of the 35th Grenadiers, returning from hence to join his Company, was on this Day beset between Brunswick and Prince Town by some lurking Villains, who murdered him in a most barbarous Manner; which is a Mode of War the Enemy seem from several late Instances to have adopted, with a Degree of Barbarity that Savages could not exceed.

It has not yet come to my Knowledge how much the Enemy has suffered, but it is certain there were many Killed and Wounded, and among the former a General Mercer from Virginia.

The Bravery and Conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Mawhood, and the Behaviour of the Regiments under his Command, particularly the 17th, are highly commended by Lord Cornwallis. — His Lordship finding the Enemy had made this Move-

ment, and having heard the Fire occasioned by Colonel Mawhood's Attack, returned immediately from Trenton; but the Enemy being some Hours March in Front, and keeping the Advantage by an immediate Departure from Prince Town, retreated by King's Town, breaking down the Bridge behind them, and crossed the Millstone River at a Bridge under Rocky Hill, to throw themselves into a strong Country.

Lord Cornwallis seeing it could not answer any Purpose to continue his Pursuit, returned with his whole Force to Brunswick, and the Troops upon the Right being assembled at Elisabeth Town, Major-General Vaughan has that Command.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the following Corps of His Majesty's Forces, in the Jerseys. Friday, January 3, 1777.*

*17th Regiment.* 1 Captain, 12 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 4 Serjeants, 46 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 1 Drummer, 33 Rank and File, missing.

*40th Regiment.* 1 Lieutenant wounded; 1 Ensign, 3 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 88 Rank and File, missing.

*55th Regiment.* 1 Serjeant, 4 Rank and File, killed; 1 Ensign, 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Serjeant, 2 Drummers, 66 Rank and File, missing.

*Total.* 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 16 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Ensigns, 5 Serjeants, 48 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns, 5 Serjeants, 4 Drummers, 187 Rank and File, missing.

W. HOWE.

Hon. Captain Leslie, of the 17th Regiment of Foot, killed.

Captain Philips, of the 35th, Grenadiers, killed, on his Way to join the Battalion.

N. B. Since the above Return many of the Men missing have joined their Corps.

It appears by the Muster-Master General Sir George Osborn's Return of the Hessian Troops, after the Affair of the 26th of December at Trenton, that the Prisoners and Missing amounted to about 700.

*Extract of a Letter from Governor Tryon to Lord George Germain, dated New-York, Dec. 24, 1776.*

**O**N the 10th Instant I reviewed the Militia of Queen's County, at Hampstead, when 820 Men were mustered, and on Thursday following I saw the Suffolk Militia, at Brookhaven, where near 800 Men appeared, to all of whom, as well as to the Militia of Queen's County, I had, in my Presence, an Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity administered.

I took much Pains in explaining to the People (having formed them into Circles) the iniquitous Arts, &c. that had been practised on their Credulity, to seduce and mislead them; and I had the Satisfaction to observe among them, a general Return of Confidence in Government. A very large Majority of the Inhabitants of Queen's County have, indeed, steadfastly maintained their loyal Principles, as have small Districts in Suffolk County.

Three Companies, I learned, had been raised out of Suffolk County, for the Rebel Army, most of whom, I was made to understand, would quit that Service if they could get Home.

I have the Pleasure to assure your Lordship, thro' the whole of this Tour I did not hear the least Murmur of Discontent, but a general Satisfaction expressed at my coming among them; and to judge from the Temper and Disposition I perceived in them, there is not the least Apprehension of any farther Commotions from the Inhabitants on Long Island. All are industrious in bringing to Market what Provisions the Island affords.

While on Long Island I gave Certificates to near 300 Men, who signed the Declaration prescribed by the King's Commissioners Proclamation of the 30th of November last. Large Bodies of the People have already taken the Benefit of the Grace therein offered them.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 24th Day of February, 1777.

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint William Mathews, of Langarren, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Hereford, in the Room of William Edwards, of Sapey, Esq;

Custom-House, London.

F O R S A L E,

BY Order of the Honourable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in the Long Room at the Custom-House, on Thursday the 13th of March next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, in Lots of 2, 6, 8, and 10 Hbds. each.

S U G A R.

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| 96  | 0  | 0 Barbadoes. |
| 5   | 6  | 17 Antigua.  |
| 5   | 0  | 0 St. Kitts. |
| 14  | 5  | 12 Nevis.    |
| 20  | 0  | 0 Tobago.    |

Samples to be seen in Wycherley's-yard, opposite Bear Key, Tuesday the 11th, Wednesday the 12th, and Thursday the 13th of March.

Viſtualling-Office, February 14, 1777.

THE Commissioners for Viſtualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 5th of March next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Sea Provisions to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may come to Poole in Dorsetshire, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office, at the Viſtualling Office, London; or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Poole.

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One of the Clock on the said 5th of March next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends, to answer for him when called for.

East-India House, February 19, 1777.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 6th of March next, at Two o'Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 26th of March next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Saturday the 29th of said March.

And that the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be opened again on Thursday the 17th of April next.

East-India House, Feb. 19, 1777.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the East India Annuities will be shut on Friday the 7th of March next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Friday the 18th of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants, due the 5th of April, will be ready to be delivered on Friday the 2d of May next.

THE Court of Assistants of the Russia Company give Notice, That the Annual General Court of the said Company will be held at the Office of the Corporation for Seamen in the Merchants Service, over the Royal Exchange, London, on Saturday next the 1st Day of March, 1777, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Election of a Governor, Consuls, Assistants, and other Officers, for the Year ensuing.

M. Siefra, Secretary.

Admiralty-Office, February 11, 1777.

THESE are to give Notice, that a General Court of the Governors of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy will be held at this Office on Thursday the 27th Instant, in order to chuse Two Vice-Presidents and Fifteen Assistants for the Year ensuing.

Tuesday the 18th Day of February, in the 17th Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, 1777. Between George Clunie and Robert Moore, Plaintiffs; John Norris, Esquire, George Ridge, Charles Martyn, and Thomas Marlon, Defendants.

FORasmuch as this Court was this present Day informed by Mr. Stainby, being of the Plaintiffs Council, that the Plaintiffs, in April 1775, exhibited their Bill into this Court against the Defendant Norris, as by the Six Clerks Certificate now read appears, and took out Process of Subpoena requiring him to appear to and answer the same; but the said Defendant hath not so done; that upon Enquiry at the Defendant's usual Place of Abode he is not to be found so as to be served with such Process, but is gone out of the Realm, or doth abscond to avoid being served therewith, as by Affidavit now read appears; It is thereupon ordered, that the said Defendant John Norris do appear to the Plaintiffs Bill on or before the First Day of next Term.

February 17, 1777.

THE Partnership between John Watkins and Edward Trelawney, of Union Wharf, Wapping, Cal-merchants and Wharfingers, being this Day dissolved by mutual Consent; all Persons who have any Demands thereon are hereby desired to send their Accounts to the said Wharf, that the same may be discharged.

John Watkins.

Edward Trelawney.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Thursday the 20th Day of March next, (and not on the 3d of March, as before advertised) between the Hours of Five and Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, in Ten Lots, The several Freehold and Copyhold Estates late of Isaac Helbert, of London, Merchant, (a Bankrupt) containing 586 Acres, or thereabouts, situate in the Parishes of Topsfield, Redgwell, and Otten Belchamp, in the County of Essex, together with the Manors of Barwick's and Scotney's, and a very good convenient Manor-house. Lot 1. consists of the Manor-house, and the Farm called Berwick-hall Farm, containing 210 Acres, with the Quit-rents and Fines belonging to the said Manor; Lot 2, a Farm called Gensford, containing 1 Hundred fifty-four Acres; Lot 3, a Farm called Gredleys, containing 64 Acres, with the Fines and Quit-rents of the Manor of Otten Belchamp; Lot 4, a Farm called Camey's Hall, containing 41 Acres; Lot 5, a Farm called the Wash Farm, containing 72 Acres; Lot 6, A Publick-house known by the Name of the Green Man, and seven Acres of Land; Lot 7. and 8. two Farms called Sturmere and Magdalen Laver Farm, containing 19 Acres; Lot 9, a small Farm called Clay Chimneys and Copyfield, containing 13 Acres; and Lot 10. seven Cottages and 4 Acres of Land. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers; and of Mess. Raincock and Bolton, Old Jewry.

TO be Sold, before the major Part of the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Samuel Silver, of Sandwich in the County of Kent, Haberdasher, Dealer and Chapman, on the 25th Day of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, Two Messuages or Tenements and Premises, with the Appurtenances, situate in the Market-place, opposite the Rose Inn, in the Parish of St. Peter the Apostle in Sandwich aforesaid, lately belonging to the said Samuel Silver.

PURsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Joseph Maximilian Schleinzler, late Master of the Admiralty Coffee-house in Westminster, deceased, are forthwith to come before John Browning, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, and prove their Debts, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PURsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of the Reverend Thomas May, late of Brampton in the County of Northampton, Clerk, deceased, are to come in and prove their Debts and claim their Legacies before William Weller Pepys, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, London, on or before the 18th Day of March next, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Matthew Pleslow, of Bucklersbury, London, Hosier, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Tuesday the 4th of March next, precisely at Seven o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Queen's Arms Tavern, St. Paul's Church-yard, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.